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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7179**  
Keiichi TAKANASHI et al. : Docket No. 2001\_0689A  
Serial No. 09/867,628 : Group Art Unit 1765  
Filed May 31, 2001 : Examiner Matthew J. Song

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**SECOND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of October 1, 2002 and the Advisory Action of January 13, 2003, the period for response to which having been extended by three months to April 1, 2003, reconsideration and further examination are requested.